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From Basic Intelligence Directive
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"Definitions"

The Basic Intelligence Directive is a detailed listing of the most essential and probable subjects of military intelligence reporting. Each subject is given a code number for reference purposes. The Basic Intelligence Directive is a permanent manual to be used by the reporter, the researcher and the Intelligence Library.

The Military Intelligence Plan is a document based upon the current needs of the Military Intelligence Service. It indicates to field observers those portions of the Basic Intelligence Directive which should be covered. It is prepared pursuant to the General Intelligence Plan and is intended to assist reporters in the field in local planning. It is still a general directive but the field has been limited or emphasized according to the demands of the existing world situation. The Intelligence Plan is changed once or twice each year.

Intelligence Directives call for specific information to meet immediate requirements of MIS. These directives are designed to meet priorities not visualized in the Intelligence Plan. They are transmitted at frequent intervals.

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